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Chairman Pat Miller
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460 James Robertson Parkway
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RE: TRA Staff Request, Dated November 5, 2005, TRA Docket 04-00380

Dear Chairman Miller:

Our response to the TRA Staff's request, dated November 5, 2004, regarding BellSouth's Tariff to introduce Transit Traffic Service, Tariff No. 2004-1259 is as follows:

Question: Would BellSouth be willing to enter into an interconnection agreement with a carrier (ILEC, CLEC or CMRS Provider) for the sole purpose of provisioning transit traffic? If the answer is no, please explain.

Response: Yes, BellSouth would negotiate a stand alone transit arrangement if the requesting carrier did not need or use any other services or functions. Also, to the extent a carrier has an existing agreement with BellSouth that does not cover transit services and the carrier wishes to utilize those services, the carrier could purchase the services under the proposed tariff or, upon request, BellSouth would either enter into a separate transit agreement or amend the existing agreement to include the transit service offering.

We appreciate the Staff's patience in allowing us a few additional days in which to respond to this request. Please contact me or Paul Stinson at 214-3839 if there are any questions.

Yours truly,

